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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: **ONO, Akiko, et al.**

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FOR: **PORTABLE CARD UNIT PROCESSING APPARATUS**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 6, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 9, 2002**, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A portable-card-unit processing apparatus for processing data in a storage section (17a) of a card unit (17) when the card unit (17) is attached to said apparatus, comprising:
 a first communicating section (23, 243) for communicating with the card unit (17);
 a connecting section (14) for being detachably and directly connected to an external apparatus (15) eliminating the necessity of a central office of a telephone company;
 a second communicating section (24, 244) for communicating with the external apparatus (15) through said connecting section (14);

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